(c) if not, the reason therefor;

(d) whether any responsibility has been fixed by the Department of Posts for this lapse; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and by when all the five postal buildings are likely to be taken in hand for construction?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Plots of land have been acquired by the Government in the following four villages of Kutch Dist. on the dates mentioned against each:

S. No.	Name of village	Date of Acquisition
1.	Naliya	15.5.92
2.	Kera	18.7.83
3.	Kukma	10.1.83
4.	Khavda	09.7.81

No site has been acquired in village Lakadia.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Due to paucity of funds the Department could not take up the construction work.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) The construction of postal buildings depend on availability of sufficient funds and priority of the projects.

Capacity of Kurebhar Telephone Exchange in Sultanpur District of Uttar Pradesh

1191. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the installed capacity of Kurebhar telephone exchange in Sultanpur district of Uttar Pradesh alongwith the number of persons waiting for telephone connections;

(b) the number of persons of village Seur-Chamurkha waiting for the connection;

(c) whether the exchange is being put to optimum utilisation;

(d) if so, the number of connections sanctioned and installed;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) by when the waiting list is likely to be cleared in the above area alongwith the steps being taken to strengthen the rural communication infrastructure/network?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Installed capacity — 184
Waiting list — 12.

(b) Ten.

(c) Some spare capacity is available.

(d) The number of connections sanctioned and installed are 152.

(e) Most of the waiting list is recent except few old cases. These could not be cleared due to shortage of cables and line material.

(f) The above stated waiting list will be cleared in the early part of year 1997-98. Following steps are being taken to strengthen the rural communication insfrastructure/network:—

1. It is planned to replace the present open wire system by modern and reliable transmission media between Kurebhar and Sultanpur by March, 97.

2. To provide more village Panchayat telephones in the area.

Waiting list of Telephone in Rajasthan

1192. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons waiting for telephone connections in Jaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner and Jaisalmer districts of Rajasthan;

(b) the details of the total installed capacity and Telephone Exchange availability in each district;

(c) by when Government propose to issue connections to all the wait listed persons, district-wise, in Rajasthan; and